

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A one time programmable memory circuit comprising:
 - a one time programmable memory;
 - a write circuit providing data to the one time programmable memory;
 - a power up write controller providing the data and a write enable signal to the write circuit;
 - a read circuit outputting data from the one time programmable memory upon a read enable signal from a read controller; and
 - an address decoder providing an address to the one time programmable memory for reading to and writing from the one time programmable memory.
2. The circuit of claim 1, wherein the power up write controller includes:
 - a power up detection circuit;
 - an address counter connected to the power up detection circuit and providing the address;
 - a secure address value detector; and
 - an address compare circuit providing the write enable signal.
3. The circuit of claim 1, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key are not programmed until power up.
4. The circuit of claim 1, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key power up at approximately the same rate as power supply rails.

5. The circuit of claim 1, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key consume approximately the same amount of current powering up to logical 1 and down to logical 0.

6. A one time programmable memory circuit comprising:
a one time programmable memory;
a power up write controller providing data and a write enable signal to the one time programmable memory;
a read circuit providing data from the one time programmable memory; and
an address decoder providing an address to the one time programmable memory when the address is not a secure data address.

7. The circuit of claim 1, wherein the power up write controller includes:
a power up detection circuit;
an address counter connected to the power up detection circuit and providing the address;
a secure address value detector; and
an address compare circuit that provides the write enable signal when the address is not a secure data address.

8. The circuit of claim 7, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key are not programmed until power up.

9. The circuit of claim 7, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key power up at approximately the same rate as power supply rails.

10. The circuit of claim 7, wherein bits of the one time programmable memory that contain a secure key consume approximately the same amount of current powering up to logical 1 and down to logical 0.